Defining the relation between Amrit Mahal and Forest Officers in the management of Amrit Mahal Kavals and in dealing with forest offences in them.

READ—

Para 3 of Government Order No. 3671-80—L. F. 375-92, dated 2nd November 1904, stating, among other things, that Amrit Mahal Officers are Forest Officers within the meaning of Clause (1) Section 2 of the Mysore Forest Regulation.

2. Letter No. C. 155—A. M. D., dated 31st July 1924, from the Director of Agriculture in Mysore, requesting that, in accordance with the view of Government stated in the order read above, the Director of Agriculture, the Live-Stock Expert, the Amrit Mahal Superintendent and the subordinate officers of the Amrit Mahal Department may be invested with certain powers under the Forest Regulation, generally conferred on the officers of corresponding status in the Forest Department.

ORDER NO. I. C. 5432-42—FT. 58-24-2, DATED 1ST FEBRUARY 1926.

The position of the Amrit Mahal Kavals in relation to the Amrit Mahal and the Forest Departments, is not at present very clear. According to Government Order No. 425-34—Ft. 25-98, dated 8th January 1901, Amrit Mahal Kavals were placed entirely under the control of the Amrit Mahal Department, subject to the condition that it should take steps to ensure the proper conservancy of the kavals and the efficient protection of forest growth therein (including sandalwood) by taking all precautionary measures to prevent felling and to suppress fires. The exploitation of minor forest produce and the collection of sandalwood and timber have, from a very long time, been attended to, by the Forest Department and the proceeds thereof are being credited to the Forest Department, the rights of the Amrit Mahal Department being restricted to the grazing available in these kavals and also to the requirements of the Department in the way of fuel, etc. The Director of Agriculture has recommended that, without disturbing the well-recognised understanding between the two Departments regarding their respective rights and obligations in respect of the Amrit Mahal Kavals, officers of the Amrit Mahal Department may be invested with certain powers under the Forest Regulation, so as to secure efficient management of the kavals. There are no rules, at present, for the management of the Amrit Mahal Kavals under the Forest Regulation, the existing rules relating to the management of District Forests not having been made applicable to them, though as a matter of fact, Amrit Mahal Kavals are District Forests under Section 2 (13) of the Forest Regulation.

2. After a careful consideration of the question, Government are pleased to pass the following orders :—

I. *Rules for the Management of Amrit Mahal Kavals under the Forest Regulation.*—Government are of opinion that the existing rules for the management of District Forests are generally suitable in the case of Amrit Mahal Kavals as well, and accordingly direct that a notification with necessary modifications, be issued extending the application of the rules to Amrit Mahal Kavals. The Conservator is requested to submit for the approval of Government, the necessary draft of a notification, in consultation with the Director of Agriculture.

II. *Powers of Control.*—The entire control of pasturage over Amrit Mahal Kavals and of the marginally noted items of kaval produce which are now administered by the Amrit Mahal Department will continue to vest in that Department as heretofore. The establishment of cattle-pounds in the kavals will also be under the exclusive control of the Amrit Mahal Department.

i. Grass, gram and other fodder.
ii. Fuel and thorny shrubs

III. *Powers to Amrit Mahal Officers under the Forest Regulation.*—Government direct that the following powers under the Forest Regulation, be conferred on the officers of the Amrit Mahal Department in respect of grazing and other items of kaval produce indicated above, which are now administered by the Department:—

(a) The officers of the Amrit Mahal Department to be considered as Forest Officers under the Forest Regulation in respect of Amrit Mahal Kavals.

(b) The Superintendent of the Amrit Mahal Department, the Darogas and the Assistant Darogas of the Amrit Mahal Department to be given powers under Section 65 (1) (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (i) and (j) as also under Section 63 of the Forest Regulation. Assistant Darogas and Kavalgars may also be empowered to seize and impound cattle under Section 63 of the Regulation.

(c) The Superintendent of the Amrit Mahal Department to be empowered to compound offences committed in the kavals, under Section 59 of the Forest Regulation.

A notification to the above effect will be issued separately.

3. It should be clearly understood that the powers mentioned in paragraph 2 (III) above are to be exercised by the officers of the Amrit Mahal Department, only in respect of such items of kavals produce as are now administered by the Amrit Mahal Department. The Forest Department will be competent to dispose of all other items as heretofore. But before any exploitation is undertaken, previous notice specifying the time, place and details of exploitation should be given to the Amrit Mahal Superintendent; and if any objection is received from him, the orders of Government should be obtained before the items objected to, are exploited.

In the case of any difference of opinion between the two Departments, the matter should be referred by the Conservator of Forests, to Government for their orders.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Charge Allowance to Gazetted Officers.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 1305-54—G. F. 70-18-1, dated 3rd September 1918, delegating to certain Heads of Departments, the power among others, to grant to Gazetted Officers of their Department, privilege leave up to a period of one month provided that no substitute is required.

2. Government Order No. Fl. 1181-230—G. F. 11-22-1, dated 30th August 1922, delegating to certain Heads of Departments, the power to sanction charge allowances to non-Gazetted Officers under the Mysore Service Regulations.

ORDER NO. FL. 4382-442—G. F. 209-25-1, DATED 5TH FEBRUARY 1926.

Government consider that the condition imposed in the first of the orders read above, limiting the power of Heads of Departments to grant privilege leave up to one month to the Gazetted Officers under them only in cases in which no substitutes are required, is inconvenient in practice and requires to be relaxed. They accordingly direct that the Heads of Departments who are now authorised to sanction privilege leave up to one month to Gazetted Officers working under them, be empowered also to make in-charge arrangements in such vacancies and sanction the charge allowances admissible under Article 91, Mysore Service Regulations. As a general rule, in-charge arrangements need not be made in very short absences, not exceeding seven days. Where such arrangements are however necessary, they may be made but no in-charge allowance should be paid in such cases.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT.

Meter Hire.

READ—

G. O. No. E. D. S. 2149-54, dated the 12th December 1925, directing that, in future, no meter hire be charged for installations up to and including 6 points.

2. Letter No. 12019, dated the 26th December 1925, from the Chief Electrical Engineer.

ORDER NO. E. D. S. 2817-22, DATED 3RD FEBRUARY 1926.

Government are pleased to direct that the Government Order of 12th December 1925, read above, be brought into effect from the bills for January 1926, to be presented to the consumers in February 1926.

K. R. SESHACHAR,
Secretary to Government,
Electrical Department.